

Good Evening,

Today, Argentine Economy Minister Martín Guzmán announced the early stage results of the debt exchange under local law. The following are English-translated excerpts from the remarks delivered in Spanish by Minister Guzmán and the attached is the presentation from today's press conference (link to video [here](#)).

- “Today the problem of unsustainable debt in foreign currency is solved”
- **On Debt exchange under local law [Early stage]**
 - As of today, 98.8% of the debt issued under Argentine law, for an amount equivalent to 41,715 million dollars, has been restructured.
 - Taking into consideration the exchanges of public debt in foreign currency under foreign law and Argentine law, it has been possible to lower the average interest rate from 7% to 3.07%, together with a 1.90% principal reduction. Equitable treatment has been given under both jurisdictions.
 - The sustainability of public debt in foreign currency has been restored. Today the problem of unsustainable debt in foreign currency is solved.
 - Restoring debt sustainability has been a State policy; preserving it is also a state policy.
 - A part of the debt in dollars under Argentine law has been converted into pesos; 685 million dollars now become public debt in pesos.
 - The refinancing rate of public debt maturities in pesos has been increased. Now it is possible to finance what becomes due and additional financing is achieved at lower rates. This is positive for macroeconomic and exchange rate stability, and to be able to pursue the goals of development, job creation, dynamism and exports growth.
 - This is not a finish line, but a starting point that is absolutely fundamental for the process of calming the Argentine economy. Without this, we could not move towards an economy with greater economic security and more opportunities to create employment and to add value.
- **On 2021 Budget Bill:**
 - On September 15, we are sending to Congress the 2021 Budget Bill which will reflect our vision of our direction. What is sought in the short term is economic recovery, reactivating the domestic market which today, in the context of a pandemic, shows an installed capacity that is not being used and must be put to work.
 - The Budget Bill will include policies aimed at breaking the dynamics of recurring balance of payments crisis and generating foreign exchange to sustain growth over time. It will also show the course for the fiscal sector. Through this Budget we will make the maximum effort to sponsor recovery and the State will play its role to boost demand and to improve the conditions for the public sector.

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